

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Priority Document

The Office Action Summary fails to acknowledge applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 USC 119 and receipt of the priority document. A certified copy of the priority document JP 2000-10146 was filed in the parent application, Application No. 09/753,569. Acknowledgement of receipt of the certified copy of the priority document is respectfully requested in the next communication from the Examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the prior art rejection of anticipation by US Patent 5,635,250. The silicone precursors of the present invention are not represented by the formula: $[RSiHO]_n$. In particular, applicants note that b is not zero in amended claim 6.

With respect to the rejection for anticipation by US Publication 2002/0142094, applicants submit that this rejection is improper because the earliest US filing date for this application was May 12, 2002, which is after the earliest priority date of January 4, 2000 of the present application. Applicants will submit a translation of the priority document.

Conclusion

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,



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